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REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 9, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 3-20 remain pending.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over England et al. (US 6,330,670, hereinafter "England") in view of Davis (US 6,292,892) and further in view of Wong et al. (US 5,957,985, hereinafter "Wong"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The combination of England, Davis and Wong does not render claim 1 obvious because the combination does not disclose or suggest a method for providing software for use by a control unit including:

> generating a software signature certificate using the public key of a software signature site and a secret key of a control entity of a trust center, according to the public-key method.